

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 29th JANUARY 1970.

AT 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mr.D.M.Lawson(Chairman), Miss M.I.Fletcher, Messrs.  
A.H.Bowler, S.Eggleston, G.A.Hawes, B,Moore, and  
P.F.Oswin(Clerk).

Mr.T.G.S.Branston, County Council Representative  
attended by invitation.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
on Thursday 4th December,1969, were read, confirmed  
and signed by the chairman.

The chairman asked Mr. Branston if he had received  
any further information on the proposed alterations in  
in the village square since the meeting of the  
4th of December,1969.

Mr.Branston's  
Report

Mr. Branston confirmed that Mr.Grudgings property  
known as Fountain House would not be involved in the  
proposed alterations and therefore would not be purchased  
by the County Council.

Mr. Branston went on to report that the Highways  
Department were now considering demolishing the wall  
opposite the Co-operative Shop and re-building nearer  
to the Burton Hall estate. Mr.Branston said, that in  
his opinion moving the road in this direction would  
negate any improvement gained in the removal of  
Mr. Wheeler's shop. It was the opinion of the meeting  
that the County Council were only concerned with the  
straightening of the B676 and ignoring the dangerous  
crossing to and from Barrow road, Seymour road.

The survey for the area by the County Council has  
still to be carried out and the meeting agreed that  
until an accurate plan has been seen the Parish Council  
were unable to put forward suggestions for improvement.  
The clerk reported that the County Council had not  
acknowledged the letter dated 11th December,1969,

requesting that the Parish Council is kept informed of any future plans or development in the centre of Burton. It was agreed that the clerk write again to the County Surveyor for this assurance. Mr. Branston asked that the letter be sent in time for a meeting of the County Council on the 14th February and for him to have a copy.

Mr. Hawes reported that since the adoption by the County Council of the Street Lighting systems, there was considerable delay between the reporting of lighting faults and the lamps receiving attention. This often necessitated the reporting of a fault several times. In reply Mr. Branston stated that this was a common complaint amongst Parishes at the present.

Grant by  
County Council  
for Street  
Lighting  
Improvement.

The clerk referred to a letter dated 10th January 1970, from Mr. Branston informing the Parish Council that the County Council had agreed to consider applications from small Parish Councils for a financial grant towards the cost of bringing up the lighting system to Highway Standards on classified roads.

The clerk reported that a request for such a grant had been made in respect of the lighting on the Loughborough - Melton road (B676) on the 12th January.

This concluded the business concerning the County Council. On Mr. Moore's proposal the meeting thanked Mr. Branston for his attendance and help, Mr. Branston then left.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th August, 1969 were then read, confirmed and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising  
Brook St.  
Culvert.

Work on the additional culvert along Brook Street and the lower part of Seymour road was in progress. Satisfactory reports on the progress and work were given by members of the Council.

Storm water  
Hall Drive.

A letter was read from the Area Surveyor stating that he had referred the question of storm water from the Hall estate, to his headquarters with a request that the clerk should take action under Section 142 of the Highways Act 1959. The Area Surveyor had supplied the names and addresses of all the house owners concerned and was awaiting the outcome of his request. The letter went on to say that provided the residents install a drainage system within the estate together with a connection to the Highways system, the storm water could be accommodated after the Brook street scheme is completed.

Playing Field  
Representative

It was agreed to leave the appointment as made at the meeting on 28th April, 1969, for the remainder of this years office.

Correspondence.  
Footpath.  
Seymour Rd.

Letter from the Ratepayers and Residents Association requesting details of the new culvert scheme in Brook Street, and asking if any action had been taken to provide a footpath in Seymour Road.

The clerk reported that he had informed the Association of the details received from the Area Surveyor concerning the new culvert and referred to a letter from the County Surveyor stating that the provision of a footpath in Seymour road will be included in the estimates for 1971-2.

30m.p.h.  
extension  
Lobro' Rd.

Letter from the County Surveyor stating that the conditions existing on this road did not comply with the criteria required by the Ministry of Transport, and therefore he was unable to extend the speed limit on this section of road.

In a later letter the Area Surveyor stated that he had arranged for "SLOW" carriageway markings on Loughboro' road to help reduce the speed of vehicles approaching the village.

Grant to  
Playing Field  
Association.

Letter from the Playing Field Association asking if the Parish Councils Grant could be made available when the Association main grant comes through. The clerk reported that this request had been referred to the Treasurer of the R.D.C. In reply the Treasurer stated that a cheque for the Parish Councils grant would be issued when negotiations for the purchase of the land had been reached. A copy of this letter had been sent to the Playing Field Association.

Letter Box in  
Village Square.

The clerk reported receiving a request from Mr. Wheeler to write to the Head Postmaster asking if a letter box could be provided in the village square.

In replying to this, the Head Postmaster had stated that as the square was within the half mile limit of the new sub-post office, it was not possible to provide a letter box at this point.

Estimates for  
1970-71.

It was agreed to Precept for £100 for General Expenses, and £200 for Street Lighting Expenditure. The balance from the Lighting Expenses to be added to the sum set aside for the main street lighting improvement.

*John L. [Signature]*  
13 April 1970

## Cheques.

The following cheques were authorised

Leicestershire Education Committee. -	-	12	-	9d.
Two Quarter Telephone Rental	£4	-	0	- 0d.
One Quarter " "	£2	-	0	- 0d.
Herbert Morris Ltd.,	£8	-	0	- 0d.
Mr.R.Brooks,	£3	-	10	- od.

Any other  
business.There was no other business and the chairman  
closed the meeting at 9.45.p.m.



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE  
HALL ON THURSDAY, 26th MARCH 1970. x

AT 7.30.p.m.

Present

Mr.D.M.Lawson, (Chairman) Miss M.I.Fletcher,  
 Mr.A.H.Bowler, Mr.S.Eggleston, Mr.G.A.Hawes, Mr.B.Moore,  
 and 15 Local Government Electors.

Also attending by invitation was the clerk of the  
 Barrow-upon-Soar Rural District Council, Mr.J.E.Bolton,  
 and the County Council Representative for the Parish,  
 Mr.T.A.S.Branston.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting  
 held on the 24th March, 1969 were read by the clerk.  
 On the proposition of the chairman seconded by Mr.B.Moore  
 it was agreed that the Minutes be signed as correct.

Minutes of

Special Parish  
 Meeting

On the proposition of Dr.Evans it was agreed that  
 the Minutes of the Special Parish Meeting held in the  
 County Primary School on the 3rd June, 1969, in connection  
 with the proposed site for ~~Itinerants~~ in the Parish should  
 be taken as read and were then signed by the chairman.

Matters arising.  
 (30 m.p.h. sign.)  
 Barrow Road.

Mr. Branston reported that the request to move this  
 sign out to beyond the County Primary School, had been  
 turned down by the County Council as the existing  
 conditions do not comply with the new criteria laid  
 down by the Ministry of Transport.

The meeting did not accept this decision. The new  
 street lighting to Highway Standards now extended to the  
 school and Mr. Branston was asked to make a further  
 request to have this speed limit extended and at the same  
 time point out the prevailing conditions. During this  
 discussion Mr. Moore pointed out that there was no road  
 sign warning traffic leaving the village of the new  
 school, although a sign had been erected warning traffic  
 entering the village. Mr. Branston agreed to report this  
 omission in his letter to the County Surveyor.

Village  
 Surgery.

A letter was read from the Leicestershire and  
 Rutland Executive Council of the National Health Service  
 stating that owing to the national shortage of doctors  
 it was impracticable to provide branch surgeries in  
 small villages.

Purchase of  
 Land for Council  
 House Garages.

Mr. Bolton reported that negotiations were still  
 continuing to purchase land for this purpose.

Dangerous Crossing  
 in Village Square.

Since the last annual parish meeting there had been  
 meetings with County Council officials and consider-  
 able correspondence on this problem. The latest  
 proposal put forward by the County Council was to  
 re-align the B676 involving demolition in the centre  
 of the village, including Mr. Wheeler's shop.  
 Mr. Wheeler informed the meeting that he had not  
 been told officially by the County Council that his  
 premises would have to be demolished. Mr. Wheeler  
 went on to say that he was not prepared to dispose  
 of his premises and that it was his intention to  
 continue his business there. In view of this

statement by Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Branston said there was no point in discussing the County Council's proposals any further.

Mr. Bowler made a strong appeal for the installation of traffic lights as being the only solution to make this crossing safe. This was endorsed by the meeting.

Mr. Betts, (Secretary of the Burton Ratepayers Association) informed the meeting that it was the intention of the Assc. on the 19th April to carry out a census in order to obtain the view of the residents on the installation of traffic lights or alternatively for the village centre to be left as it is. Finally it was agreed to ask Mr. Branston to write to the Chairman of the County Council stressing the following points:-

1. The meeting expresses strong disapproval of the County Council in not officially informing Mr. Wheeler of their proposals.
2. It is the opinion of the meeting that the only real solution to make the crossing safe was the installation of traffic lights.
3. It is the wish of the meeting that the rural atmosphere of the village centre be retained.

Any other  
Business.

Refuse Collection

A complaint was made that during the collecting of refuse the dustbins were left on the pavements with the lids off with the result that paper was blown about the streets. Replying to this Mr. Bolton stated that owing to shortage of labour the refuse collectors were now operating on a piece work system and leaving the lids off the dustbins helped to speed up the collections. Until more labour could be found nothing could be done about this problem.

Gravel in Village  
Square.

Dr. Evans reported that gravel had been washed into the Village Square presumably from Barrow road after the winter gritting. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Area Surveyor.

Parish Council  
Accounts.

Dr. Evans asked when can the Parish Council Accounts be inspected. The clerk replied that they could be inspected at this meeting or at any Parish Council Meeting.

Parish Footpaths.

Dr. Evans asked when did the Parish Council last walk the footpaths in the Parish. The chairman replied that the Council had not walked the footpaths. Dr. Evans then asked if the footpath from Burton to Prestwold Church could be signposted. It was agreed to make this request to the Area Surveyor.

There were no further questions and the chairman closed the meeting at 9.55.p.m.

*Dr. Evans*  
25 Mar 1971

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13th APRIL, 1970.

AT 7.30.p.m.

Present

Mr.D.M.Lawson(Chairman) Miss M.I.Fletcher.  
Messrs. A.H.Bowler, S.Eggleston, B.Moore and  
P.F.Oswin,(Clerk).  
Mr.T.G.S.Branston, County Council Representative, and  
Mr. C. Betts, Secretary of the Burton Ratepayers  
Association attended by invitation.

Apology

Apology for non attendance was received from  
Mr. G. A.Hawes.

Dangerous Crossing

in Village Square. As both Mr.Branston and Mr.Betts were attending  
for discussion on this subject the chairman proposed  
to deal with the correspondence concerning this first.  
The chairman opened the discussion by reading an extract  
from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held  
on 26th March 1970.

The chairman then read the letter written by  
Mr. Branston to the County Council at the request of  
the Parish Meeting. At this juncture Mr. Bowler  
proposed a vote of thanks to Mr.Branston for the letter,  
this was endorsed by the meeting. The chairman then read  
the reply Mr. Branston had received from Mr.Grigson,  
County Engineer and Surveyor. The letter stated that  
Mr. Wheeler had been informed of the County Council's  
proposals in August 1967. Following this initial  
approach the District Valuer had written to Mr.Wheeler  
in September 1967 enclosing a plan of the property the  
County Council sought to acquire. The District Valuer  
had subsequently received a reply from Mr. Wheeler's  
solicitors, naming Messrs Gartons as Mr. Wheeler's agents.  
The letter went on to say that negotiations between the  
District Valuer and Mr. Wheeler's agents have continued  
at a very slow pace.

In conclusion Mr. Grigson maintained that the  
widening of the road would give greater visibility  
of approaching traffic thus increasing the safety of  
pedestrians crossing the square.

With reference to the request for Traffic Lights, Mr. Grigson said there was no hope at all of them being installed. Without Ministry approval it would be illegal. Following the reading of this letter a lengthy discussion took place. It was finally agreed that the clerk write to the County Engineer, making a further request for an accurate survey plan of the village as promised by Mr. Grigson in his letter dated 20th Feb. 1970. It was also agreed to ask the County Engineer to arrange for another traffic census to be taken at the village square and to include traffic leaving Seymour Road. The meeting felt that a census taken at this point would give a more accurate traffic count than the previous one in 1968 at a point near Sixhills.

This concluded the discussion on the village square problem and Mr. Betts left the meeting.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th January, 1970 were confirmed and signed by the chairman,

#### Matters arising 30 m.p.h. Limit, Barrow road

Mr. Branston reported that he had raised this at a meeting of the County Council held on Saturday 11th April. The request to extend the 30 m.p.h. limit to the County School had been refused but Mr. Branston said he would raise this again at the next monthly meeting of the County Council.

#### Correspondence. School Manager Burton County School

Letter from the County Director of Education requesting that the Parish Council appoints a representative from the Council to the Board of Managers of the Burton County School for the next three years.

On the proposition of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bowler, Mr. Eggleston was re-elected to represent the Parish Council for the next three years.

#### Prestwold Parochial Charities.

Statement of Accounts for these charities were presented to the meeting and endorsed.

#### Cheques.

The following cheques were authorised, see attached list:

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 11th JUNE, 1970.  
AT 8.0.p.m.

- Present Miss M.I.Fletcher, Messrs. A.H.Bowler, S.Egglestone,  
D.M. Lawson, B.Moore, and P.F.Oswin(Clerk).
- Apology An apology for non-attendance was received from  
Mr.G.A.Hawes(Vice-Chairman).
- Election of Chairman. In the absence of the vice-chairman, the retiring  
chairman Mr.D.M.Lawson asked for nominations for  
chairman for the ensuing year. On the proposition of  
Mr.B.Moore, seconded by Mr.S.Egglestone, it was agreed  
that Mr. Lawson be re-elected chairman.
- Vice-Chairman On the proposition of Mr. Bowler, seconded by  
Miss Fletcher, it was agreed that Mr. Moore be elected  
vice-chairman.
- Delegates to Leics. Assc. of Parish Councils. It was agreed that Mr. D.M. Lawson and the clerk  
continue to represent the Council at meetings of the  
Association.
- Minutes The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
on Monday 13th April, 1970 were read, confirmed and  
signed by the chairman.
- Matters arising. Village square crossing. A letter had been received from the County Surveyor  
stating that no design work on the proposed alteration  
to the village square had been undertaken or would be  
for some time. With regard to the request for a traffic  
census, the letter stated that this would be carried out  
at the appropriate time. It was agreed that a further  
letter be sent to the County Surveyor requesting that  
a traffic census be carried out during the next eight  
weeks.
- Correspondence > Changes in Street-lighting Maintenance. Copies of the revised Street-Lighting maintenance  
charges for the bracket lamps on the B676 had been  
circulated, it was agreed to adopt Standard B at a  
charge of £15 + 12- 6d per half year. This scheme



provides the following maintenance service.

STANDARD "B"

1. Group replacement of lamps after approximately 2200 burning hours for pluslife tungsten lamps and 6600 burning hours for discharge lamps.
2. Clean lamps and fitting twice per year.
3. Patrols,  
Winter - once per week (1 October - 31 March)  
Summer - once per fortnight ( 1 April - 30 September)
4. Replacement of premature lamp failure during normal working hours.
5. Minor repairs.

Storm water  
Gullies,  
Barrow Road.

The County Council have made repeated visits to Barrow road, to clear the storm water gullies and finally the Area Surveyor is now having an estimate prepared for a new storm water drainage system for this road.

Grant for Street  
Lighting Improve-  
ment.

There had been no reply to a letter sent from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 29th January, 1970 making a request for a grant to improve the Street Lighting on the B676 to Highway Standards.

A further letter had been sent to the County Council and a reply dated 3rd June had been received. This stated that the matter was still under consideration, but at the present time grants were being restricted to Principle Roads only and as the B676 did not come under this category there was little hope of a grant forthcoming.

It was agreed to inform Mr. Branston of the contents of this letter.

Mowing of  
Playing Field.

A letter had been received from the chairman of the Burton Playing Field Association asking if the Parish Council would make a formal application to the County Education Authority to mow the Playing Field. The Playing Field Committee would reimburse the Parish Council in full. Copies of this letter had been previously circulated and it was agreed to make this request to the Education Department on behalf of the Playing Field Association.

Miss Fletcher expressed her disapproval of this arrangement stating that if the Parish Council were to be connected with this at all the Council should pay for the cost of the mowing. Mr. Bowler then proposed that further discussion on this be left to the end of the year when the cost of the mowing would be known and then

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the Council should consider making a grant towards the cost of the mowing. This was agreed upon.

Authorisation  
of cheque.

The following cheque was authorised.

Audit Stamp for the year ending 31.3.69. £5-0-0d.)  
" " " " " " 31.3.70. £2-0-0d.)

Any other  
business

Mr. Bowler reported that a hedge alongside the footpath on the Melton road required cutting and also the nettles on the side of the footpath along the Brook required mowing. The clerk was asked to report these two items to the Area Surveyor.

There was no further business and the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15.p.m.



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A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 18th AUGUST, 1970.  
AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Mr. D.M. Lawson (Chairman) Miss M.I. Fletcher,  
Messrs, G.A. Hawes, B. Moore, and P.F. Oswin (Clerk)  
Mr. T.G.S. Branston, County Council Representative,  
attended by invitation.

Apology

Apology for non-attendance was received from  
Mr. S. Eggleston.

Street Lighting  
B676.

To enable Mr. Branston to leave early it was  
agreed to deal with the Grant Application for the B676  
Street Lighting first. In his report Mr. Branston gave  
details of the County Council meetings concerning the  
grants and confirmed the contents of the letter recorded  
in the previous Minutes dated 11th June 1970, which  
stated that only Principle roads were at present being  
considered for grant aid.

Mr. Branston informed the meeting that he had  
strongly objected to grants being restricted to Principle  
roads on the grounds that no mention of this type of  
road was made when the scheme was first discussed by the  
County Council, it was with regret that Mr. Branston  
reported failure to obtain a grant for the B676 Lighting.

After discussion it was agreed to write to the  
local M.P. Miss Pike asking her to support Mr. Branston  
in further efforts to obtain a grant. The clerk was  
also instructed to write to the Leicestershire Association  
of Parish Councils asking if a similar scheme operated  
in other counties.

The chairman thanked Mr. Branston for his report  
and efforts on behalf of the Parish, Mr. Branston then  
left the meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish  
Council held on the 11th June 1970, were read, confirmed,  
and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising  
Traffic Census.

In reply to a request for a Traffic Census to be  
carried out during June, July, August, a letter was  
read from the County Engineer stating that the census  
will be taken near the time <sup>when</sup> the design will be prepared

for the village square which would not be done this year.

The clerk was asked to write to the County Engineer making a request for a Traffic Census independent of any design preparation.

Correspondence

A letter was read from the Prestwold Parochial Church Council asking if the Parish Council would consider making a grant towards the maintenance of the Burial Ground at Burton.

After discussion it was agreed that some help should be given, but before a final decision is made the clerk was asked to write to the secretary of the Church Council requesting details of the administration and accounts for the Burial Ground.

R.D.C.  
Representative

Letter from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the number of Rural District Councillors for the Parish has been increased to two.

Prestwold  
Parochial  
Charities.

Copies of the Statement of Accounts for these charities were presented to the meeting.

Sports Council

Letter from the Clerk of the Barrow-upon-Soar R.D.C. concerning the proposed formation of a Local Sports Council, and asking for the support of the Parish Council.

It was agreed to await further details of this before making a decision.

Precepts

The following Precepts were signed.

General Expenditure - £100 - 0 - 0.

Street Lighting Expenditure £200 - 0 - 0.

Any other  
business

It was reported that the Street Lamp adjacent to No 18 Somerset Close was still not operating. The clerk was asked to report it to the E.M.E.B.

Street Lighting  
Seymour Road.

Mr. Hawes asked if two additional lamps could be provided in Seymour Road. It was agreed that the Lighting in this road needed improving and the clerk was asked to make this request to the County Council Street Lighting Department.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.0.p.m.

*Am. Hanson* 24/9/70

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 1970.  
AT 8.0.p.m.

Present

Mr.D.M. Lawson (Chairman) Miss M.I. Fletcher.  
Messrs.S. Eggleston, G.A. Hawes, B. Moore, and  
P.F. Oswin (Clerk).

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th August 1970, were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman.

Matters arising  
Traffic Census

An acknowledgement card had been received to the letter sent from the last meeting requesting a Traffic Census to be taken independent of any proposed road alterations.

Mr. Moore reported on temporary warning lights for dangerous pedestrian crossings in operation at Derby. The clerk was instructed to write to the County Engineer asking if a similar scheme could be operated in the Burton Square during the time children were crossing to the school.

Street Lighting  
Seymour Road.

Replying to a request for two additional lamps in Seymour Road, a letter had been received from the County Engineer, stating that arrangements had already been made for one additional lamp to be installed. Further inspection would be made by the County Council to assess the requirements for a further lamp in this road.

Matters relating  
to Burton Village  
Hall.

The chairman asked the meeting to discuss the proposal that the Parish Council should act as a Corporate Body of Trustees for the Village Hall. Mr. Moore asked that the Council should discuss this matter informally. The chairman stated that he would have preferred to have a representative from the Rural Community Council and a legal advisor in attendance and proposed that the matter be put back to a later meeting.

Mr. Moore then proposed that the Parish Council wait until a formal request is received from the Village Hall Trustees, for the Parish Council to act as a Corporate Body for the Village Hall. This was agreed upon by the meeting.

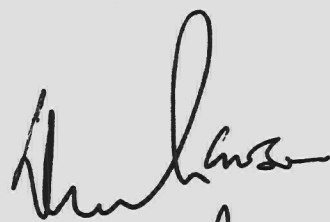
Any other  
business.

Mr. Hawes reported that some of the red reflectors required replacing on the hill on Melton road, also the grass bank needed cutting back on the footpath alongside the Loughborough road. Mr. Eggleston reported the need for red reflectors on the bend below Horse Leys Farm, several accidents having occurred at this point.

Mr. Moore reported that the SLOW sign on the surface of the Loughborough road needed re-painting. Mr. Moore also stated that traffic was taking the wrong entrance for Burton at the new road system adjacent to the Old Burton School. It was agreed to make a request for NO ENTRANCE to be painted on the road surface at this point.

The clerk was instructed to write to the Area Surveyor asking for these matters to be attended to.

This concluded the business and the chairman closed the meeting.

  
21<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1971



A SPECIAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE  
HALL ON THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER 1970. AT 8.0.p.m.

Present

Mr. D.M. Lawson, (Chairman) Miss M.I. Fletcher, Messrs A.H. Bowler, S. Eggleston, G.A. Hawes, B. Moore, and 20 local government electors were present. Mrs. J. Smith representing the Leicestershire Rural Community Council and Mr. D.P.W. Cooper of Hawley and Rodgers, Solicitors, attended in an advisory capacity.

Business of  
the meeting.

To discuss the future Trusteeship of the Village Hall, and if thought fit to propose a resolution that the Parish Council be appointed the Corporate Trustee of the Village Hall.

Chairman's  
Opening remarks.)

The chairman opened the meeting by giving a brief outline of the origin of the village hall and its history up to the present date.

The chairman then informed the meeting of the two alternative bodies in which the Trusteeship of the Village Hall could be vested.

1. For the Parish Council to be appointed the Corporate Trustee.
2. The Official Custodian of charities to be appointed as Trustees.

In either case the management and control of the Village Hall would be carried out by a management committee comprising representatives from organisations in the Parish including the Parish Council.

In concluding his remarks the chairman commended the first alternative and emphasized the fact that the Village Hall would not become a Parish Hall nor a burden on the rates and the Hall would still be eligible for Grants.

The chairman then made the meeting open for comments and questions.

Replying to the question " Did the present Trustees wish to resign" the chairman said that this was so.

Mr. Bowler asked for confirmation that if the Parish Council was appointed the Corporate Trustee, the Council would not have an over-riding authority in the management of the Village Hall.


Mrs. Smith assured the meeting that it was essential that all organised bodies in the Parish be equally represented on the Management Committee and therefore no one body would be in a position to outvote the others.

After a lengthy discussion it was apparent that the opinion of the meeting was fairly evenly divided between the two alternative forms of Trusteeship.

Mr. Cooper suggested that the two alternatives be put to the vote. This was agreed upon and the results were as follows:-

1. The Official Custodian of Charities to be appointed as Trustees. (11 votes)
2. The Parish Council to be appointed the Corporate Trustee. (14 votes)

This concluded the business of the meeting and the chairman thanked Mrs. Smith and Mr. Cooper for their attendance and help and declared the meeting closed.

  
21 Jan. 1971

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